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SUBJECT: OPIC ADVANCE OFFICER VISIT

1. OPIC OFFICER PARRELL PLANS ARRIVAL ABIDJAN FROM ACCRA
MARCH 12, 10:15 A.M., GH 542 FOR APPROXIMATELY FIVE DAYS
TO FIRM UP SCHEDULE FOR OPIC INVESTMENT MISSION (WESTAM)
AND REVIEW WORK OF A-B TEAM DURING SURVEY OF TAPE CATTLE
PROJECT IN DALOA.

2. WESTAM ARRIVAL SCHEDULED MARCH 31 FROM DOUALA ON PA 187
AT 1955.

3. TENTATIVELY WE SEE ABIDJAN STAY AS FOLLOWS: WEDNESDAY
EVENING FREE; GROUP STAYING AT HOTEL IVOIRE. THURSDAY VERY
EARLY BRIEFING BY AMBASSADOR AT EMBASSY. MEETINGS WITH
GOIC THEREAFTER STARTING WITH OPENING PRESENTATION BY MIN-
ISTER DIAWARA. PERHAPS SHOULD FOLLOW WITH MINISTER OF
AGRICULTURE, IF EMBASSY BELIEVES APPROPRIATE. THEN
KOUMAN OF BDI AGREED TO ORGANIZE WORKING SESSIONS WITH
PLAN AND AGRICULTURE STAFFS. LUNCHEON MIGHT BE ORGANIZED
BY FNCB PEGUES FOR SMALL GROUP OF IVORIANS OR BIDI SONAFI.

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AFTERNOON FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH MINISTRIES AND PERHAPS

CALL ON MIN FIN BEDIE AND HEAD OF STATE. EVENING AMBASSADOR'S RECEPTION FOR KEY GOVERNMENT, PRIVATE IVORIANS.

FRIDAY SMALL GROUPS WILL VISIT PROJECTS OF INTEREST. SOME WILL GO TO FERKE, OTHERS TEXTILE PROJECTS (BIDI OR ROWSELL

WILL HOST), BLOHORN (BIDI), TIMBER PROCESSING. FRIDAY EVENING FREE. SATURDAY GROUPS WILL GO TO UNION CARBIDE, SODEPALM, AND PERHAPS OTHER PROJECTS ABIDJAN AREA. SOMEWHERE IN THE SCHEDULE WOULD LIKE GROUP IN SMALL NUMBERS TO MEET KEY IVORIAN INVESTORS TO TALK INFORMALLY, SUCH AS TAPE, CERTAIN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, CERTAIN CHAMBER OF INDUSTRY OFFICIALS.

4. REQUEST MEET AT AIRPORT AND SINGLE RESERVATIONS FOR PARNELL HOTEL IVOIRE MARCH 12. PARNELL MAY GO TO DALOA

MARCH 13, DEPENDING ON A-B SCHEDULE. WILL ADVISE AS TO FURTHER RESERVATIONS WHEN SCHEDULE CONFIRMED. KISSINGER

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